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SENATOR LINDA DORCENA FORRY RECEIVES VICTIM SERVICES "LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD"

BOSTON – During Victim Rights Month in April, Attorney General Maura Healey and the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) recognize individuals and agencies that have made significant contributions to victim rights and services.

Senator Linda Dorcena Forry received this year's Legislator of the Year Award for her leadership in combatting community violence and supporting victim and public health services throughout Massachusetts.

Since being elected as a State Representative in 2005 and now serving as State Senator of the First Suffolk District, Senator Forry has directly engaged communities to learn firsthand the issues impacting them. She has been a champion throughout her career on gun violence prevention, addiction recovery, promoting healthy relationships, and supporting trauma informed victim services within her district and across the state.

Locally, she partners with city officials and agencies like the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute to promote access and sustainability of supportive services for families in the greater Boston area. She couples those efforts with her other priorities such as immigration, education, housing, and economic policies to ensure a holistic approach toward making communities stronger and more resilient.

Senator Forry has served on numerous local boards including the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, Friends for Children, and College Bound Dorchester, and recently worked to reestablish the Governor's Black Advisory Commission to advise the administration on economic, education, social welfare, and other policies that impact black communities throughout the state.

"I am honored to receive Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance's 2017 Legislator of the Year Award," said Senator Forry. "This award represents my long-time commitment to supporting individuals and families affected by trauma and homicide. I will continue to partner with my colleagues, MOVA and community-based organizations like the Louis D Brown Peace Institute for more support services for survivors and families," concluded Senator Forry.

“During Victim Rights Month we have an opportunity to recognize those who help some of the most vulnerable and innocent among us. These individuals provide critical services to victims, and we are proud of the work they do in our communities,” said Attorney General Maura Healey.

“Her career-long commitment to promoting sound public health, safety, economic, social justice reforms have and continue to make a real impact in the lives of crime victims throughout the state,” said Liam Lowney, MOVA’s Executive Director. “We are thrilled to honor a true champion of victim rights and services and congratulate the Senator on receiving this year’s award.”

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